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JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and PASQUALE D'AMURO, the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's New York Office, announced that CRAIG G. YOKEMICK, a former New York City Police Officer, was indicted in Manhattan federal court today on charges of violating the civil rights of two individuals, Kenneth Banks and John Richardson, based on YOKEMICK's actions in two separate incidents in 1998 and 2002.

Counts One and Two of the three-count Indictment arise from YOKEMICK's actions while employed as an officer with the New York Police Department ("NYPD") on October 29, 1998. Count One charges that YOKEMICK, while acting under color of the laws of the State of New York, willfully assaulted Kenneth Banks by throwing a police radio at Mr. Banks, resulting in bodily injury, and thereby willfully deprived him of his constitutional right to be secure in his person and free from the use of unreasonable force by one acting under color of law. Count Two charges that

YOKEMICK acted with deliberate indifference to the serious medical needs of Mr. Banks by failing to provide necessary and appropriate medical care and treatment for Banks, resulting in bodily injury to Mr. Banks, and thereby willfully deprived Mr. Banks of his constitutional right not to be deprived of liberty without due process of law, which includes the right to receive necessary and appropriate medical care and treatment while in official custody.

Mr. Banks was pronounced brain dead within hours of his arrest and died on November 10, 1998, after he was taken off of life support.

Count Three of the Indictment charges that on April 26, 2002, YOKEMICK, while an officer employed by the NYPD and acting under color of the laws of the State of New York, wilfully assaulted John Richardson, resulting in bodily injury, and thereby willfully deprived Mr. Richardson of his constitutional right to be secure in his person and free from the use of unreasonable force by one acting under color of law.

Mr. COMEY praised the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its investigation of this case.

If convicted, YOKEMICK faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison plus \$250,000 fine on each count .

Assistant United States Attorneys SHARON L. MCCARTHY and ANDREW W. SCHILLING are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges in the Indictment are merely accusations,
and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven
guilty.

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